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MAJEURE"

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2. (SBU) ON MARCH 1, OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COLOMBIA DECLARED "FORCE MAJEURE," A CONTRACT CLAUSE WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO NOT MEET THEIR EXPORT AND DELIVERY CONTRACTS WITHOUT PENALTY. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OXY HAS DECLARED "FORCE MAJEURE" SINCE THE SERIES OF ATTACKS IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR (BEFORE THE CLINTON VISIT (REF B)). THE CANO-LIMON PIPELINE, WHICH TRANSPORTS ALL OF OXY'S OIL FROM THE CANO-LIMON FIELDS TO THE PORTS, HAS RECEIVED 38 HITS IN 2001, 33 OF THEM IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 12 ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH. AS A RESULT, THE PIPELINE FUNCTIONED FOR ONLY THREE OUT OF THE 28 DAYS IN FEBRUARY (13-16). OXY HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN SOME LEVELS OF PRODUCTION DUE TO THEIR SEVEN DAYS OF STORAGE CAPACITY ON THE FIELD, BUT FOR NOW PRODUCTION IS SHUT DOWN AS WELL.

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5 (SBU) PRESS REPORTS MARCH 1 QUOTED THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AS SAYING THAT A NEW BATTALION OF 700 SOLDIERS WAS GOING TO BE CREATED JUST TO GUARD OIL INFRASTRUCTURE. OXY REPS SAY THAT WHILE THIS IS A

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